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MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS.

*293Q.-BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state-

(a) the number of (i) Midwives and (ii) Health Visitors the Government trained last year:

(18th October 1947.

(b) the number of (i) Midwives and (ii) Health Visitors the Government intend to train this year;

(c) the number of stipends given to trainees in midwifery; and

(d) the amount of each such stipend?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: "(a) The number of trained last year is:--

(i) Midwives trained in the languages of the Province 261. Midwives training in the advanced course, that is in English 221.

(ii) Health visitors 20.

"(b) The number of Government intend to train this years is--

(i) in the languages of the Province 185. Advanced course 93.

(ii) Health visitons 100.

"(c) The number of stipends given to trainees is- Midwives in the languages of the Province 185 and midwives Advanced Course 93. i.e., to all of them.

"(d) The stipends and allowances payable to midwives are- Midwives in the languages of the Province stipend Rs. 18 per mensem, dearness allowance Rs. 16 per mensem and dhoby allowance Rs. 1-12-0 per mensem. Midwives in Advanced Course stipend Rs. 30 per mensem; dearness allowance Rs. 16 per mensem and dhoby allowance Rs. 2 per mensem.

In addition an allowance of Rs. 75 for books, uniforms, etc. is paid to each candidate for the entire course."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: "May I enquire whether it is not a fact that the number of midwives and health visitors that the Government intend to train this year is most inadequate? May I enquire whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the Minimum number of midwives that are required to be trained is 10,000 at the rate of one midwife for 5,000 people?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: "Yes, Sir; the number of midwives we are training is not adequate to our needs and a sub-committee appointed at the Medical Conference is considering the question as to how many more midwives we should train and what facilities should be given to them. As regards health visitors, it was proposed to open three training centres this year and admit 100 candidates; unfortunately however only 22 candidates applied and 21 were admitted, and of them, six have left, so that we have only 15 candidates now under training."

BEGUM SUTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: "May I enquire why the Government are not taking steps to make provision for training more midwives in the Gosha Hospital by providing more accommodation? The Hon. Minister might be aware that what is needed for the training of midwives is mainly the provision of unecessary accommodation."

THE HO. SRI A. B. SHETTY: "They are given stipends and I have already answered the question."

Please see the printed proceedings on pp. 3-4 above. No further action seems called for excepting in the case of the answer to the supplementary Question at "K" above. For orders whether the question may be examined.

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The reference by the Assistant Secretary at 'A' on p. 4 ante was probably to the Surgeon General's letter No. 15530-1M/48 dated 11.3.48. If so, orders have been issued in G.O. No. 1221, Public Health, dated 16.4.48 sanctioning enhanced rates of Dearness Allowanc to Midwifery pupils. No further action seems necessary. The papers may now be Recorded.

M G.O. Ms. No. 3402, Public Health, dated 26.9.49.

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